

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF HOUSING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have made a comprehensive review of the progress achieved on the housing front in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any consultations have also been held with the State Governments so as to ensure the balanced and effective implementation of the housing schemes;
- (d) whether details about the schemes formulated by the Union Government have found favour with the State Governments;
- (e) if so, details of the schemes finalized and the financial implications involved therein; and
- (f) the manner in which the proposed scheme is likely to be implemented, the financial assistance to be given to each state and the number of housing units to be constructed in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a, b & c): The Ministry of Rural Development regularly convenes Meetings with the States/Union Territories Authorities and arrange Workshops with Project Directors of the Districts Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) to review progress of the programmes. For this purpose, the Minister of Rural Development has visited several States in recent months and held discussions with the Chief Ministers and other authorities. The Ministry also obtains Annual and Monthly Progress Reports from all the States/UTs in this regard. Area Officers of the Ministry have been designated to undertake field visits, hold review meetings and ascertain the status of implementation of various Rural Development Programmes, in order that any bottlenecks being encountered are speedily removed.

(d) to (f) The details about Rural Housing Schemes sponsored by this Ministry are annexed. Allocation/Target under the Rural Housing Schemes is fixed on year to year basis depending on the allocation of funds provided by the Planning Commission.

Annexure as referred to in parts (d) to (f) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 427 to be answered on 20.11.2001.

1. INDIRA AWAAS YOJANA:

The objective of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is primarily to help construction of dwelling units by members of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, freed bonded labourers and also non-SC/ST below the poverty line rural poor, by providing them with grant-in-aid. The ceiling of construction assistance available under the IAY is Rs. 20,000/- per unit in the plain areas and Rs. 22,000/- per unit in the hill/difficult areas. IAY is being implemented in the whole country. The Central allocation under IAY during 2001-2002 is Rs.1618.00 crore for construction of 1293753 houses.

2. PRADHAN MANTRI GRAMODAYA YOJANA - GRAMIN AWAAS:

Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana - Gramin Awaas (PMGY:GA) was launched only from 2000-2001. The Scheme aims at supplementing the existing efforts of the Government of India/State Governments in reducing the housing shortage for Below the Poverty Line (BPL) rural population. The ceiling of construction assistance available under the PMGY:GA is similar to that which is available under the IAY. The allocation for the year 2001-2002 for PMGY-GA is Rs.280.00 crore

3. CREDIT-CUM-SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR RURAL HOUSING

The Credit-cum-Subsidy Scheme for Rural Housing was launched from 1st April, 1999. The Scheme targets rural families having annual income upto Rs. 32,000/-. It comprises of components of both subsidy (upto Rs. 10,000/- per unit) and credit (upto Rs. 40,000/- per unit). The loan portion is to be disbursed by the Commercial Banks, Housing Finance Institutions etc. During 2001-2002, an

amount of Rs.38.00 crore has been allocated for construction of 50667 houses.

4. INNOVATIVE STREAM FOR RURAL HOUSING AND HABITAT DEVELOPMENT:

To encourage innovative, cost effective and environment friendly solutions in building/housing sectors in the rural areas, this Scheme was launched with effect from 1st April, 1999. Under this Scheme, a maximum assistance of Rs. 20 lakh can be given to Non-Governmental Organizations and upto Rs. 50 lakh to Government agencies. Since inception of the Scheme, 58 projects have been approved and an amount of Rs.13.45 crore has been released.

5. SETTING UP OF RURAL BUILDING CENTRES

The primary objectives of setting up of Rural Building Centres are: (a) Technology transfer and information dissemination (b) Skill upgradation through training and (c) Production of cost effective and environment friendly materials/components. A maximum of Rs. 15 lakh grant-in-aid can be given to the Rural Building Centre. Since inception of the Scheme, 55 projects have been approved and an amount of Rs.2.85 crore has been released.

6. SAMAGRA AWAAS YOJANA

Samagra Awaas Yojana was launched in 1999-2000, on pilot basis, in one Block each of 25 districts of 24 States and one Union Territory from the 58 districts which have been identified for institutionalizing the participatory approach under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. The Scheme aims at overall development of the habitat and to provide convergence to activities till now being undertaken separately. A special assistance of Rs. 25 lakh is being provided for each block for undertaking habitat development and IEC work with 10% contribution from the people. Since inception of the Scheme, 18 projects have been approved and an amount of Rs.4.22 crore has been released.